



Human Trafficking

Promoting law enforcement awareness

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The Perfect Crime

- Victims are deceived into preliminary participation
- Victims are threatened with apprehension by a government intervention (police)
- Real police treat the victims as a criminal
- Victims are: Jailed, Bailed, and disappear
- The offender gets Rich with the

Bureau of Justice Assistance Training program

■ Investigative Techniques:

- Engage victim informally
- Gain trust & Intelligence
- Avoid Textbook questions
- Learn about Cultural differences
- **Plan Ahead**



Human Trafficking Rural Areas:

- Investigations complicated
- Language barriers
- Resource support mechanisms scarce
- Customs become obstacles to communication
- The obvious crime isn't the real crime!





Opportunities in Maine

- Forest industry
- Homogenous state
- Farm industry (seasonal workers)
- Construction Projects
- Labor intensive/low paying jobs
- Prostitution investigations difficult
- Gambling industry emerging
- High seasonal tourist activity



Maine Response to HT

- Training & Awareness undertaking
- Plan Ahead (Florida lesson)
- Exploratory discussions (U.S. Attorney etc.)
- Neighboring states
- Collaborative Development



HT Training Conference (Maine)

- The practice of partnerships
 - Maine Community Policing Institute
 - Maine Criminal Justice Commission
 - University of Maine at Augusta
 - “cultural diversity committee

- December 7, 2005 Delivery (160 people)



Conference Elements:

- Indicators
- Federal laws/ Proposed Maine Laws
- Victim Tips
- Organizational roles (conflicts)
- Resources
- Case Studies
- Fact Sheets (definitions)
- (47/50 states have pending or concluded cases)



Conference Presenters:

- Andrea Bertone: Human Trafficking.org
- Todd Difede: FBI Supv. Senior Agent
- John Foley: FBI
- Laurent Gilbert MCPI
- Det. David Hemingway: Old Orchard Beach
- Dr. Elizabeth Hopper Brookline Ma.

Maria Hurley: R A ICE



Presenters:

- Robert Korintz: Salvation Army
- Lisa Marrache: House of Rep. ME.
- Luc Nya: Multi-cultural Coord. ME.
- Juan Perez-Febles: ME. Dept. Labor
- Heather Putnam: U. S. Atty. Office ME. Victim Witness advocate
- Lois Reckett: Family Crisis Svc.
- Sheila Roux: U.S. Atty. Office NH. Victim witness advocate



Presenters:

- Pierrot Rugala: Refugee & Immigration Service of Catholic Charities ME.
- Elizabeth Saxl: ME. Coalition Sexual Assault
- Paula Silsby: U.S. Atty. ME. District
- Beth Stickney: Immigrant legal advocacy project ME.
- Det. William Tapley: Lisbon



Presenters:

- Sarah Walton: Asst. Prof. CJ. Univ. Maine
- Mark Zuckerman: Asst. U.S. Atty. NH.District

Conference Evaluations: selected comments

■ Liked Most:

- Mix of state, local, federal agencies brought together
- For once we are thinking proactively before the problem overwhelms us
- Liked the coordination of organizations & who to contact if a case is suspected
- The issue being brought to the attention of service providers
- Dr Hopper was excellent





Least Liked: selected comments

- Need smaller sessions in order to talk through the possible scenarios.
- Need some actual cases in Maine.
- Interesting speakers were cut-off not given enough time to interact and answer questions.
- Dr Hopper Should have more time to speak.



Maine Outcomes:

- LD 1296 “An act to provide for victims of trafficking” emergency legislation passed in June 2006
- Bills Elements:
 - Class B crime
 - Victim protections
 - Evidence rules precluding some defenses for offender
 - Hold responsible clause (landowner/employer)



Maine Task Force Construction:

- To determine nature & extent
- To Identify programs available for victims
- Appointment of 12 representative groups for task force activity to include commissioners, social service, Law enforcement, Health care, children services, sexual assault



2006 Agenda

- Maine Emergency Management
\$ 30,000 for police training
- RCPI Project (Maine): Boston,
New York, Newark, Washington
D.C., Richmond, Philadelphia,
(BJA project) \$31,000.